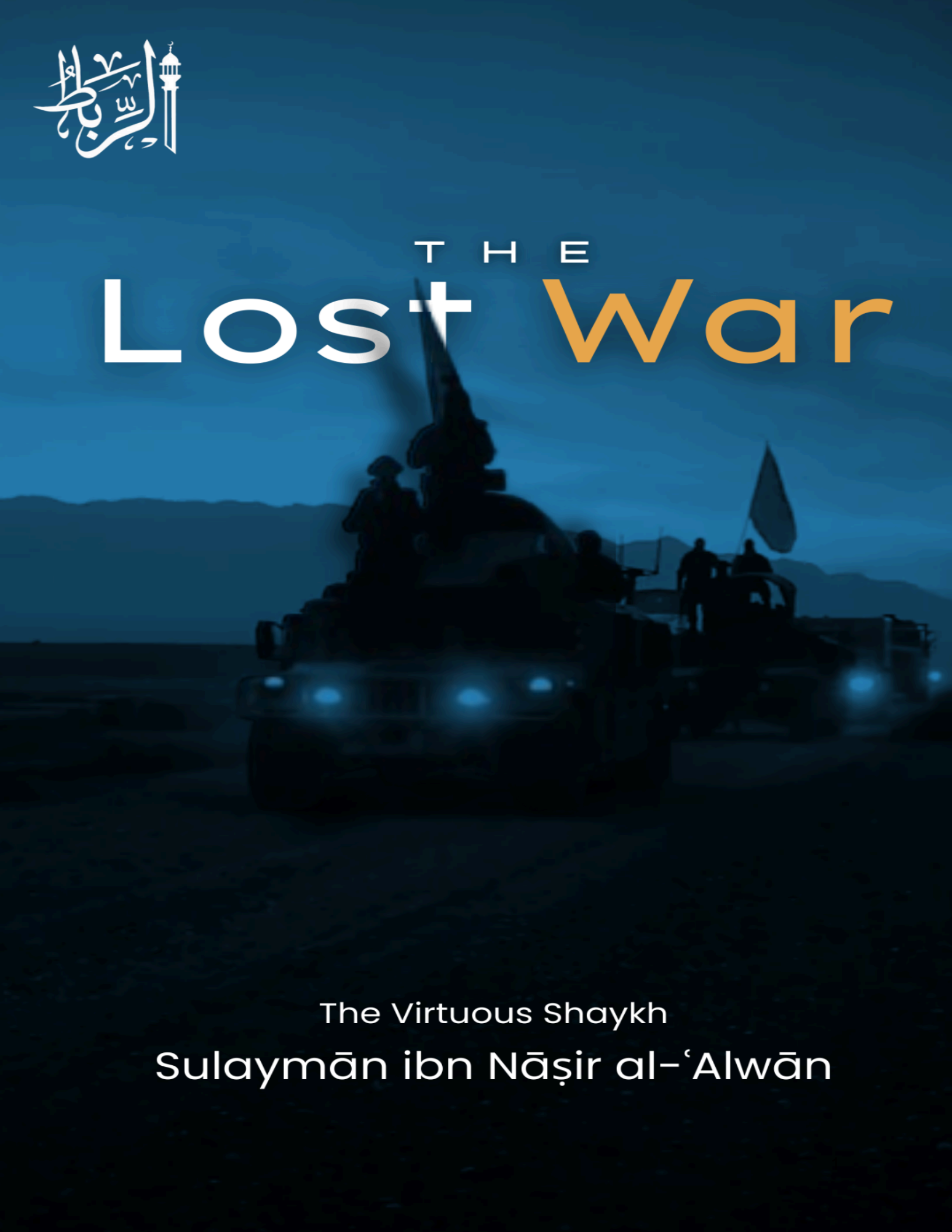

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There is no doubt that the Islamic Ummah today is experiencing waves of successive tribulations, crises, and trials. It is being subjected to intense plotting and betrayal from within its own people, and conspiracies plotted against it by the hateful West, with America the head of global disbelief leading the way. These enemies aim to humiliate and weaken the Islamic Ummah to the point of being devoured like a meal from a plate. But they will not succeed in doing so unless they first neutralize the Ummah's military and economic strength which is exactly what is happening now in their dealings with Muslim rulers.

Unlike their dealings with the Zionists in Israel, to whom they have granted a free hand to possess weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons and other advanced weaponry, weapons that have reached the peak of development and modern technology, the Islamic Ummah, with its Arab states, has been left behind. If one of those states were to possess even a small amount of light weaponry, they would be deemed in violation of international law and subjected to sanctions and penalties by the United Nations. These violations, which are neither based on divine law nor human rights, are more severe than any punishment imaginable.

What happened to Pakistan when it possessed nuclear weapons? It was immediately slapped with painful sanctions… And what happened to Iraq before that, when it was accused of possessing weapons of mass destruction, accusations that came with all sorts of tortures, executions, and harsh punishments. Statistics show that hundreds of thousands of innocent Arabs were killed by the sword of tyrannical America, under the pretense of fighting terrorism. Over a million Iraqi children died due to the cruel American airstrikes and sanctions on Iraq over more than ten years. Thousands of infants died from malnutrition and preventable diseases because of America's refusal to allow medicine into Iraq. More than half a million deaths were confirmed by radiation-related illnesses.

Research by the independent institute of Seifteen concluded that the blockade on Iraq was 'one of the most criminal and brutal acts of the twentieth century.' And now, America has descended upon the Arabian Peninsula. Its soldiers are stationed in Qatar, Kuwait, and across the Gulf, establishing military bases in every part of the Arabian Gulf. It did not stop there; it also imposed orders and decrees, and issued prohibitions on Muslim rulers.

This is a demand in the American policy that seeks to achieve its aims and impose its objectives. When U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen (a Jew) visited one of the American bases in the region on 9/2/1418 AH, he addressed the American soldiers saying:

> *I am sure many of you have wondered from time to time why you are here, and whether it is necessary. The answer is yes, because the Middle East is a region of great importance to our economy and to the rest of the world. Our country must protect the oil resources in the Gulf. That's why security in this region will remain a long-term priority.*

And if we do not seek the path of righteousness in resisting these Crusaders, preparing for them, and standing united against them with strength, courage, and determination; and if we do not fight them with all the means and weapons we possess, then we will pay the price in both our religion and our worldly life. We will be violated like sheep before the butcher. We will become their hostages.

They are gathering their soldiers and forces, collecting their wealth, and rallying their politicians and leaders against us; seeking our extermination, the plundering of our wealth and possessions, and the defamation of our religion and Islam.

They have bared their fangs and revealed what lies in their hearts, being hatred and malice toward Muslims.

As the ayah says (interpretation of the meaning):

Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, but what their breasts conceal is far worse. Indeed We have made plain to you the Ayât (proofs, evidence, verses) if you understand.
(Qur'an 3:118)

These devils among them are unleashing their tongues against Arabs and Muslims, and they want to enslave those who refuse to submit to their authority. They have already seized our wealth, our legal rights and even our religious rights.

One of their devils, Congressman Sam Gejdenson, openly declared in newspapers and media:

U.S. lawmakers are preparing legislation that considers the United States to be in a state of war with Saudi Arabia.

Graham Fuller, one of the senior political advisors at the RAND Corporation in Washington and former Vice Chairman of the National Intelligence Council at the CIA, wrote in an article titled "A Crisis in U.S.–Saudi Relations*"* dated 9/11/1422 AH:

For the first time, the American press is attacking Wahhabism, a movement considered by its critics to be an intolerant religious movement and the source of jihadist movements around the world. Some have even claimed that the Saudi ideological system resembles that of figures like Bin Laden.

Lauren Moravich says:

The Saudis are active at all levels of the terrorism chain from planning and funding, to the leadership elements, to the soldiers and ideologues.

It is worth noting that the Defense Policy Board, which advises the U.S. Department of Defense, includes among its members: former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; former Defense Secretaries James Schlesinger and Harold Brown; former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich; as well as Thomas Foy and many other retired military commanders.

One of the aforementioned figures said:

Saudi Arabia helps our enemies and attacks our allies. It is the root of terrorism, and the number one adversary in the Middle East.

The former head of the CIA, James Woolsey, also stated that the time had come for the United States to replace all Arab regimes.

He pointed this out during a major debate organized by the Student Union at Oxford University, in which he emphasized that the mistakes committed by Arab governments must be reformed. He criticized how the U.S. administration is dealing with the current Arab governments, explaining that they are driven by thirst for power and oil.

He added that the United States should plan to remove the current Arab regimes if no alternatives for energy are found.

The Islamic Ummah, in this era, remains under the dominance and subordination of Western powers. The West demands that we disarm advanced weaponry, including nuclear arms, under the pretext of global commitments and decisions.

But the real intention is to keep our Ummah constantly weak, humiliated, and submissive to others. The Muslim nations are heavily influenced by their secular governments, which are walking in step-by-step with orchestrated plans to ensure that Muslim societies remain weak and dependent through continuous efforts to corrupt and isolate them through media and education.

The well-known principle is that the defeated are always inclined to imitate the victor, and this is made evident with how our nation began to imitate others when we were invaded in our ranks. Our strength was struck, our weapons were weakened, and our capabilities were destroyed.

There is a fundamental reason behind the targeting of the Islamic world. This reason is rooted in geography and history. No one can ignore that the sensitive point bordering the limits of the American empire is the Arab Gulf which contains the richest oil resources and remains the backbone of Western development for centuries to come.

This region has followed a path that fulfilled the goals of capitalism and global market dominance, ending with the destruction of Iraq.

In this sensitive geographic location lies the boundary of the "new empire," and Israel's role in this game, a role mapped out by its spiritual founder, Theodor Herzl, is to remain a forward base for Western civilization in the face of the East.

The Western author Kennedy, in his book *The Rise of the West in the 21st Century*, writes that the West is rushing to dominate the Arab coasts, helping to destroy the "Mongol Empire" (a term used to describe former Islamic power centers), and breaching strategic areas full of resources like iron, canals, and human capital.

He adds that the West always seeks to advance toward North Africa, the Nile Valley, the Arab Gulf, and the Fertile Crescent, and that the Arabian Peninsula itself has been redrawn and divided into unnatural borders, with Israel planted at its heart.

This has distracted Arabs and reduced global interest in the region to little more than its oil. All of this has made the West play a bigger role in transforming the Islamic world into what it has now become, which is something many Westerners aren't ready to admit.

The American-Zionist political system seeks to extract Arab lands from their people and evict them using all available methods and means. They cover this project under the false pretext of fighting terrorism or eliminating weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

And if Iraq was truly their goal - and may Allah prevent that -, then they have achieved greater certainty in broader control over oil and energy sources in the Gulf.

Indeed, tyrannical America spills the blood of the innocent, violates the sanctity of the weak, and plunders the wealth of nations under the name of combating terrorism and eliminating extremism, and similar to that, from the lies of the criminal race, which are the farthest people from applying this practically and working on it in reality.

But as the poet said:

*Muslim women are enslaved everywhere *** And the life of the Muslims prospers as it pleases*
*As for Islam, by Allah, it is right *** Defended by young and old alike*
*So say to the discerning, wherever they were *** Answer Allah - and He Judges, so answer*

At the same time, these accusations and offenses are attached to Muslims, describing them with terrorism and evil souls, and that is far from the truth. The real ones are those who know the present history and the dust that tells of their thorns, their civilization, and their reality in their wars and peace.

This terrorism, which grips the whole world, is talked about by all media in all its forms and types, and few people know it except people affiliated with Arabs and Muslims. It has become a behavior pattern that does not hide from our enemies; they describe it with falsehood and lying,

and it has become one of the strategies to strike the mujahideen in the path of God, making it a sword aimed at anyone who does not pledge allegiance to America. The savage barbaric policy inside American society is not less harsh, less wild, nor less of a hoax than all the descriptions of terrorism in the land of God.

It is represented in extremist terrorist groups and factions, which are savage and brutal. These are the extremist American terrorist groups, represented largely in the American right-wing armed organizations, including racist groups that consider white supremacy (such as “True Israel”) and others like the Ku Klux Klan, which has existed for more than a hundred years as representatives of hateful and racist organizations.

I cannot display the genocides of (committed by) sub-human (morally) races in this summarized fatwa, especially since I have presented some of them in various statements.

It is among the obligatory duties incumbent upon the Islamic nation and all its men, scholars, preachers, thinkers, reformers, statesmen, and intellectuals to raise the awareness of the nation extensively about what its enemies desire for it and to expose it to this global Crusader war. It is also obligatory upon us to prepare to combat this Crusader evil and confront it by all means and ways, repelling it with swords and teeth, descending into the battlefields, smashing the ranks of the enemies of Allah and the Crusaders, exposing their plans, and uncovering their methods of brutality and their opinions that are founded on savagery and massacre. We ask Allah to make their fate decline to ruin; certainly, He is Capable and Able.

Muslims are facing general extermination, and bombs are tearing apart their homes; villages throughout, defending their souls, honor, property, and wealth. Terror and crimes are described, and rebellion against the system. The heart weeps when it sees the blood of Muslims as the cheapest blood on Earth, and it has accepted the oppression of Jews and Christians without cost, and without movements from an entire nation of billions.

If the Islamic nation succumbs to its bestial desires and degrades to humiliation, debasement, and the lowly lust of this worldly life, it will face storms of harsh nerve pains and bitter catastrophes in its history. Indeed, Allah has told of His enemies, saying: "They never think of harm except in a way that would bring disgrace upon the disbelievers, and they are the wrongdoers." These are the Americans whose oppression is without limit or goal. They have crossed boundaries in their actions like the Shiites who used to be smashed before with the passage of time, beaten like in a bloodbath.

Now, these Americans have encroached upon this blessed island, and the Islamic nation is in heedlessness of their malice and their cunning plans. They have turned from planning and humiliating to adorning the world and its beauty. This is a confirmation of what the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) informed us in his saying: "The nation is about to collapse upon you from every horizon, just as the hungry rush to their bowls."

I (Thawbān) said, "O Messenger of Allah, would we be few in that day?" He said: "Nay, but you are like foam on the sea, which weakens you hearts, and fear emanates from the hearts of your enemies, due to your loving the world and hating death."

This was reported by Imam Ahmad in his Musnad (278/5) and narrated by Thawbān.

(2/359) Narrated hadith of Abu Huraira is mentioned, and al-Bukhari recorded it extensively in his history from the hadith of Abu Rafi' from Abu Huraira, and it appeared in Sunan Abi Dawood (4297) from the hadith of Thawbān.

This makes the Islamic nation counted among the ranks, and the path becomes clear. Allah Almighty said:

And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery) to threaten the enemy of Allâh and your enemy, and others besides whom, you may not know but whom Allâh does know. And whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allâh shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly.
(Qur'an 8:60)

Governments, groups, and capable individuals are obligated to prepare for jihad, to ready many weapons and wealth, and other things of this nature to repel the enemy and defeat his forces, and to liberate the weak Muslims from their enemies. The righteous predecessors gave great attention to this aspect, spending lavishly in the way of rightful wealth. They made preparation and readiness one of the essential matters, not perfection but among the necessary duties, taken seriously and resolutely, abandoning indulgence, humiliation, negligence, and laziness; that is, because this is the ideal and proper way, and the other matter, with Allah's grace and success, is to repel the enemy and relieve his pressure from Muslim lands, their properties, and dwellings.

When the teachings of our sublime religion and our divine law were dominant, everything related to the Islamic nation prospered in all affairs of life. It preserved its honor and glory and repulsed anyone who tried to confront its vital matters. It sought security from disturbance and upheld its dignity. The lofty teachings, virtuous values, and outstanding human justice called for readiness to resist the aggressors and oppressors, teaching readiness and preparation, and taking necessary precautions.

The prophetic texts endorsed this and warned anyone who knows anything to act accordingly. Imam Muslim recorded this in his Sahih (1919) through Al-Laith, from Al-Harith bin Ya'qub from Abdul Rahman ibn Shamasah. He said: "A jurist of Al-Lakhmi said: 'Laqbah bin Amir differed between these two aims, and you are greatly distressed. Laqbah said: 'If it were not for the words I heard from the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, I would not have supported him.'

Al-Harith said: ‘Then I Said to Ibn Shamasa: "Whoever abandons the knowledge of archery, then he left us, or is disobedient." So this is ‘Uqba bin ‘Amir while he was in this state with his old age, still motivated for jihad! This is the high ambition and righteous intention that made him bear all this fatigue and exhaustion. This is unlike the hypocrites and those whose hearts are sick. If these things are not deeply rooted in their hearts and concerns, they have the lowest value and importance.

One who neglects jihad and preparation when able to do so is similar to the hypocrites about whom Allah said:
If they had intended to go forth, they would have surely prepared for it a preparation. But Allah disliked their preparation, so He made them wander blindly. And it was said to them, "Sit [at home] with those who sit."

This appeared in Sahih Muslim (1910) through the narration of Abdullah bin al-Mubarak from Wahib bin al-Ward al-Makki, from Umar bin Muhammad bin al-Munkadir, from Sami from Abi Salih, from Abu Huraira who said: The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: "Whoever dies while he is not fighting or does not intend to fight dies upon a branch of hypocrisy."

The meaning of the soul in this hadith is the true determination, the firm intention in jihad against the enemies of Allah Almighty, and defeating them and their aggression against Muslims, their sanctities, and religious symbols. It does not mean deceiving oneself by claiming it, and it talks about jihad even if one asks for it from his father.

And there is the head of global disbelief, protector of the cross, bearer of the banner of violence, leader of despicable terrorism, and the axis of evil - America, whose numbers gather and frequent to confront Muslims, kill their men, women, and children, loot their wealth, and change the landmarks of their religion. We have not counted the many to stand against their aggression and repel their enemies. It is rationally and legally obligatory for us to be the first among them in preparedness and readiness. Islam has urged this by saying: "And prepare for them whatever you are able of power and steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them." The astonishing and painful matter is that there should be instability among our ranks and community

When they see some light weapons, like pistols and the like, they do not give much attention in this matter. Perhaps this is due to the fact that the Zionist aggressors do not see those among us who dream without having trained to bear arms. This is because all their males are trained in weaponry. That is why the early scholars of Islam paid great attention to preparation, and they approached it with seriousness and discipline. They considered it one of the communal obligations (farḍ kifāyah), and it may become an individual obligation (farḍ ʿayn) for those capable among men, depending on the matter of jihad some of which is an individual obligation, and some of which is a communal obligation. Protection of Muslim lands and repelling the

aggression of oppressors cannot be achieved without combat, and combat, especially in our current era with the development of weaponry, cannot be achieved except through preparation, training, and acquiring the necessary means. This is what makes preparation obligatory.

Al-Ṭabarī (may Allah have mercy on him) said in his tafsīr (exegesis) of verse (10/23) in the statement of Allah the Exalted:

"*And make ready against them all you can of power*."

And the correct interpretation of this, he said, is that Allah commanded the believers to prepare for jihad with weapons of war and what they need to fight their enemies. This includes weapons, tools of war, and other things. It does not mean only strength in terms of cavalry and horses. That is because "strength" is a general term that includes many meanings. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Indeed, strength is in archery." So, the Prophet explained that what is meant particularly by strength includes archery. Prior to that hadith, one may have thought that it only referred to war horses. However, since the Prophet clarified that, it cannot be said that "strength" excludes other meanings. Rather, it also includes the sword, the spear, and other weapons of war. All of these support the fight against the polytheists, whether through archery or other means.

Al-Qurṭubī (may Allah have mercy on him) said in *al-Jāmiʿ li-Aḥkām al-Qurʾān* (8/35): Allah the Exalted commanded the believers to prepare strength against the enemies. After emphasizing the importance of piety, he stated that Allah, if He wills, will terrify them with words and frighten them with dust from the earth. Similarly, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) would rely on his knowledge of previous events and divine laws. He wanted to show people the way by his knowledge and insight.

"And everything you prepare whether for your friend or your enemy if it includes good or evil, then it lies within your preparation. Learning horsemanship and the use of weapons is a communal obligation (farḍ kifāyah)."

Ibn ʻAbd al-Barr (may Allah have mercy on him) said in *Al-Tamhīd* (14/81):

"If the horse is prepared for jihad in the way of Allah, and is trained for racing and similar purposes, it will be rewarded according to what was mentioned in the hadith."

Imam al-Nawawī (may Allah have mercy on him) said in his commentary on *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, regarding the ḥadīth of ʻUqbah:

"In it is evidence for the virtue of archery and combat, and the care taken for jihad in the path of Allah Almighty. It also includes encouragement for all kinds of weapon use, as well as horse racing and other similar activities, as previously mentioned. The intention is all preparation for battle, training, joining the fight, and physical fitness for that purpose."

Al-Shawkānī said in *Nayl al-Awṭār* (8/88), commenting on the hadith of ‘Uqbah:

“Whoever learned archery and then abandoned it is not one of us.”

He said: “In it is proof of the legitimacy of engaging in the training and preparation of jihad tools, and being diligent in preparing them. One should train for jihad and practice until his limbs become skillful in it. It is a sign that someone has understood a type of fighting that can benefit in jihad for the sake of Allah. Whoever neglects this after understanding it is at great fault, because abandoning it implies abandoning preparation for jihad, which is a clear indication of religious weakness in fulfilling what is required.”

Al-Qurṭubī (may Allah have mercy on him) said in his *Tafsīr* (5/316) on this verse:

“This verse indicates the obligation of preparing military strength to deter and repel the enemy. When the Muslim rulers implemented this command during the golden days of Islamic civilization, Islam was mighty and honored. It was a time of glory in which the banner of Islam was raised high, its authority stretching over the earth. The empires of the East and West were subdued. The unbelievers were humiliated and terrified. Tyrants and oppressors were crushed. Muslim leaders lived as masters over the nations. The people respected and followed them. They were the embodiment of dignity and majesty. They feared no enemy’s strength or dominance, nor did they yield to intimidation.”

As for today, Muslims have abandoned acting upon this noble verse, leaning instead towards luxury and indulgence, and neglecting the communal obligations. As a result, the entire Ummah has collectively forsaken this obligation, and today, it suffers the consequences of this negligence. How can the enemy not covet the Islamic lands, and how can it not overrun them? Do you not see that all the factories for weapons and war supplies are established in the lands of the enemy and bought from them? Rather, all of them are manufacturing weapons, cannons, rifles, grenades, and military supplies. Has it not become clear that the enemy encroaches upon Muslim lands from all sides because they neglected and wasted this duty? Before their lands are taken completely, along with their dignity and honor, they must return to Allah. Otherwise, the fate of Islam and the Muslims will be colonialism, the occupation of sacred places, the enslavement of free people, and the replacement of the call to prayer with destruction - and Allah is the only One to seek guidance from.

Imam al-Ālūsī (may Allah have mercy on him) said regarding this verse after mentioning the scholars’ opinions on it that the verse refers to public obligations. However, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) specified archery because it is the strongest form of preparation. This is derived from his saying:

“(Hajj is) ‘arafah” (i.e., the main pillar), and he praised and commanded it (archery) to be learned, as mentioned in the hadith:

"… and you should know that archery today does not miss the target of the enemy."

He, Peace and Blessings be upon him, explained that they used archery instead of rifles and cannons, and that the purpose was to strike the enemy because without this goal, it would be nearly useless. If the enemy is unaffected by it, the disease of weakness will spread, and wealth and status will be claimed by the simple-minded among the disbelievers and the misguided. Therefore, I believe - and knowledge rests with Allah - that the virtue of archery for this reason is due to its role in defending Islam. I see no reason for it to be a cause for Hellfire unless it leads to victory and Paradise, God willing. There is no difference between it and what is mentioned in the general meaning of Allah's statement:

"*And make ready against them all you can of power*."

And His words:

"*And whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allâh shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly.*."

This points to the idea that the wealth spent in preparation is not lost, but rather preserved for you.

Abū Jaʿfar ibn Jarīr (may Allah have mercy on him) said in his Tafsīr (10/23) on this verse: "Spend, O believers, in the cause of Allah" whether it is spent on purchasing weapons of war, arms, horses, or other needs related to battle. In fighting the enemies of Allah from among the disbelievers, Allah will reward you in this world and the Hereafter. He will store your rewards with Him until He compensates you for them on the Day of Resurrection.

{And whatever you spend in the way of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged} meaning your rewards will not be diminished. Ibn Isḥāq reported that it means: "Whatever you spend in the way of Allah, He will repay you and you will not be wronged," i.e., Allah will grant you the reward in the Hereafter and a quick reward in this world.

Ibn Kathīr (may Allah have mercy on him) said about this verse:

"No matter what you spend in jihad, it will be fully compensated and perfected." This is also supported by the hadith narrated by Abū Dāwūd:

"A dirham spent in the way of Allah is multiplied up to 700 times."

Al-Māwardī said about the verse:

{The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allâh, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. (Quran 2:261)} it means that spending in jihad includes horses, weapons, and all kinds of equipment.

Al-Shawkānī (may Allah have mercy on him) said in *Fatḥ al-Qadīr* (2/366) about Allah's saying:

{And if they had intended to march forth, they would have prepared for it [some] preparation} meaning if they were truthful in their intent, they would have supported it with actions, such as preparing for battle. But because they had no intention of actually fighting, they didn't prepare. Just as believers prepare ahead of time for jihad, those hypocrites showed their lack of intent by not preparing.

The meaning of this verse is that preparation is evidence of intention. And the necessary equipment for the fighter includes supplies, comfort, and weapons.

The noble verse:

And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy

encompasses everything a Muslim can use to strengthen themselves against their enemies. Every generation has its own weapons and technology. War tools evolve over time, and we are now in a time where technology and advanced weaponry dominate. Every day, new items are being produced in factories and we, as Muslims, are the people of strength physically and mentally.

As the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"I have been sent with the sword until Allah alone is worshiped. He has placed my sustenance beneath the shadow of my spear and has made humiliation and belittlement the fate of those who oppose my command. Whoever imitates a people is one of them."

Narrated by Imam Ahmad in his *Musnad*, from the route of ʿAbd al-Raḥmān ibn Thābit ibn Thawbān, from Abū Munīb al-Jarshī, from ʿAbd Allāh ibn ʿUmar (may Allah be pleased with them both).

Strength: a comprehensive term for all that is used to empower oneself against the enemy and instill fear and anxiety into their hearts. It includes the spiritual strength of reliance upon Allah, and confidence in His promise to grant victory to the believers.

This is what we learn from Prophet Mūsā (Moses), the speaker with Allah, when he stood before Pharaoh and his army. Before him was the deep sea, and behind him were the tyrant Pharaoh and his troops. The most noble of companions were with him, standing at the edge of the sea. The

followers of Moses saw destruction, drowning, and death ahead of them. All paths seemed blocked, and every means had failed. They cried out:

“Indeed, we are overtaken!”

But Mūsā (peace be upon him), firm in his faith in Allah’s promise, replied with unwavering certainty:

“No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me.”

He was assured of Allah’s knowledge, the One who encompasses the entire universe. His strength was in his reliance upon Allah, who revealed to him from above the seven heavens:

{Strike the sea with your staff.

And so he struck the sea, and it split apart, each part rising like a massive mountain.

When all worldly hopes are cut off, Place your trust in the Generous Lord's door.
You will emerge with honor and dignity, His light shining on your face.
And if your heart clings to none but Him, no trial shall harm you nor hardship last long.

So, place your hopes only in Allah the One in whose hands all matters lie. Even if clarity and serenity fade, never hope in anyone but Allah in your times of crisis.

This is the first of the messengers the Prophet of Allah, Nūḥ (Noah), peace be upon him who called his people, saying:

And recite to them the news of Nûh (Noah). When he said to his people: "O my people, if my stay (with you), and my reminding (you) of the Ayât (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allâh is hard on you, then I put my trust in Allâh. So devise your plot, you and your partners, and let not your plot be in doubt for you. Then pass your sentence on me and give me no respite.
(Surah Yunus: 71)

How many such stories and comparisons Allah presents to us in the Qur’an! How many living examples of trust and reliance!

This is the path of the prophets, and we as Muslims are followers of the Lord of the Worlds and the Messenger to all humanity.

The people had gathered against them for battle. Abū Sufyān and those with him came to confront them, and the Prophet ﷺ entrusted the matter to Allah and increased in saying:

"Allah is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs."

This was in accordance with the verse:

> *Those (i.e. believers) unto whom the people (hypocrites) said, "Verily, the people (pagans) have gathered against you (a great army), therefore, fear them." But it (only) increased them in Faith, and they said: "Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us). So they returned with Grace and Bounty from Allâh. No harm touched them; and they followed the good Pleasure of Allâh. And Allâh is the Owner of Great Bounty.*
> (Surah Āli ʿImrān: 173–174)

That is, when they relied on Allah and handed over their affairs to Him, He sufficed them, protected them from harm, and thwarted their enemies' plots. The enemy returned to their lands humiliated, and the believers were not touched by harm through Allah's grace and bounty.

These were the companions of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ on the Day of the Confederates (al-Aḥzāb), when the enemies surrounded them and the polytheists allied with them. The situation intensified, fear became severe, hunger and cold peaked, and conditions worsened. As Allah said:

> *And when the believers saw Al-Ahzâb (the Confederates), they said: "This is what Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) had promised us; and Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) had spoken the truth. And it only added to their Faith and to their submissiveness (to Allâh).*
> (Surah al-Aḥzāb: 22)

They spent a whole month under these severe conditions days of hardship and trials yet the Most Merciful did not relieve them except when He willed. Their enemies left disappointed, failing to achieve their goals or break the resolve of the Muslims. So Allah reminded the believers of His favor, saying:

> *O you who believe! Remember Allâh's Favour to you, when there came against you hosts, and We sent against them a wind and forces that you saw not [i.e. troops of angels during the battle of Al-Ahzâb (the Confederates)]. And Allâh is Ever All-Seer of what you do.*
> (Surah al-Aḥzāb: 9)

> *When they came upon you from above you and from below you, and when the eyes grew wild and the hearts reached to the throats, and you were harbouring doubts about Allâh. There, the believers were tried and shaken with a mighty shaking.*
> (Surah al-Aḥzāb: 10–11)

And on the Day of Badr, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ looked toward the disbelievers, and they numbered one thousand while he and his companions numbered only three hundred and thirteen. The Prophet ﷺ turned toward the qiblah (direction of prayer) and raised his hands in supplication:

> "O Allah, fulfill for me what You promised me. O Allah, bring about what You promised me. O Allah, if this small band of Muslims is destroyed, You will not be worshipped on the earth."

He continued raising his hands toward the sky until his cloak fell from his shoulders. Abū Bakr came to him, picked up the cloak, and placed it on him again. Then he stood behind the Prophet ﷺ and said:

> "O Prophet of Allah, that is enough! Your Lord will surely fulfill what He has promised you."

Then Allah revealed:

> *(Remember) when you sought help of your Lord and He answered you (saying): "I will help you with a thousand of the angels each behind the other (following one another) in succession."*
> (Surah al-Anfāl: 9)

Thus, Allah supported them with the angels.

Reported by Imam Muslim in his *Ṣaḥīḥ* (1763), through ʿIkrimah from ʿIkrimah ibn ʿAmmār, from Simāk al-Ḥanafī, from Ibn ʿAbbās, from ʿUmar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb (may Allah be pleased with them all).

We take the means of preparation, and readiness through obedience must not breed self-admiration or arrogance. Do not let the abundance of weapons or numbers deceive you. That's why, when the Muslim army under the leadership of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ marched to confront the enemies of Allah, and his companions reached the battlefield, the Muslims learned that Heraclius had mobilized an army of one hundred thousand from the Romans, and an additional one hundred thousand of their allies with leprosy and other ailments. When this news reached the Muslims, they settled in Maʿān, waiting to observe and consult one another.

They said: "Shall we send word to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and await his command, or shall we advance?" Then the brave Companion ʿAbdullāh ibn Rawāḥah (may Allah be pleased with him) stirred their courage, saying:

> “O people! By Allah, what you fear is what you sought, martyrdom! We do not fight people by our numbers, strength, or might. We fight them with this religion with which Allah has honored us. So go forth! Either victory or martyrdom!”

So reflect on this noble Companion’s insight, sharp understanding, and clarity of vision. He grasped that real power and victory do not lie in sheer military force. He concluded:

> “We fight them with this religion with which Allah has honored us, so go forth! Either victory or martyrdom!”

The Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) were amazed by their own large numbers on the Day of Ḥunayn, yet the tide turned against them at first. As Allah said:

> *Truly Allâh has given you victory on many battle fields, and on the Day of Hunain (battle) when you rejoiced at your great number, but it availed you naught and the earth, vast as it is, was straitened for you, then you turned back in flight. Then Allâh did send down His Sakînah (calmness, tranquillity and reassurance) on the Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), and on the believers, and sent down forces (angels) which you saw not, and punished the disbelievers. Such is the recompense of disbelievers. Then after that Allâh will accept the repentance of whom He wills. And Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.*
>
> (Surah at-Tawbah: 25–27)

And when the Messenger of Allah ﷺ saw some of the archers abandoning their positions, he warned them:

> “If you see us being snatched by birds, do not leave your posts until I send for you. And if you see us defeating the enemy and trampling them, do not leave your posts until I send for you.”
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> The Prophet ﷺ sent them, and they defeated the enemy. He said:
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> "By Allah, I saw the women running while lifting their dresses and showing their legs."

Then the companions of ʿAbdullāh ibn Jubayr said:

> "Loot, O people of loot! Your companions have won, what are you waiting for?"

ʿAbdullāh ibn Jubayr replied:

> "Have you forgotten what the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said to you?"
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> They responded:
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> "By Allah, we will go to the people and take our share from the spoils."

So when they turned their faces, the enemy turned back upon them, as the Messenger ﷺ had forbidden them to leave their position. That's when the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was left with only twelve men, and the people dispersed.

Al-Bukhārī reported in his *Ṣaḥīḥ* (3039) through Abī Isḥāq from al-Barāʾ ibn ʿĀzib (may Allah be pleased with him):

> "The Prophet ﷺ remained among only twelve men..."

Thus, disobedience and abandoning the command were the reasons for defeat. Oh, how I wish I knew what the position of our many sins would be alongside the modern abominations, widespread corruptions, and ever-growing ailments!

We, today, desperately need:

- ➔ Sincere repentance,
- ➔ Obedience to Allah and His Messenger ﷺ,
- ➔ Abandoning sins and immoralities,
- ➔ And preparing to face the Crusaders with power and faith, and sincere repentance.

And we address this fatwa to:

First: The scholars, wherever they are:

To fulfill what Allah has obliged upon them in terms of declaring the truth, to raise awareness among people, to educate and guide them, to expose the plots of their enemies, to link them to the Qur'an and Sunnah, and to realize the doctrine of loyalty and disavowal (al-walā' wa-l-barā') and its imposition in real life. They must urge them to prepare for resisting the aggression of the Crusaders with sincere resolve and the zeal of the sincere and the faithful not with laziness, delusion, or cowardice.

For this is one of the greatest signs of defeat, humiliation, and disgrace a major factor behind the downfall of Islamic movements and jihadi groups.

They must also avoid disagreement and division; this is neither the time nor place for such behavior. The Muslim Ummah today is enduring tough times, amid harsh conditions and repeated calamities. The enemies have united and attacked it from all sides, devouring it as people gather around a dish.

In this oppressive reality, the time has come; indeed, it's overdue to unite ranks and reject disputes and internal strife.

- The deceitful enemies, especially the cunning Zionists, are holding conferences, making alliances, and founding centers and institutions to conspire against Islam and annihilate its people.
- Meanwhile, we are still arguing over minor sectarian or secondary issues, and bickering over issues of jihad!

Allah said:

And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allâh (i.e. this Qur'ân), and be not divided among yourselves

And He said:

...and do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength departs, and be patient. Surely, Allâh is with those who are As-Sâbirûn (the patient).

Second: We call on the youth of the Ummah

➔ To be truthful in their loyalties,
➔ United in their ranks,
➔ Compassionate with one another,
➔ United in preparation and readiness to confront the Crusader aggression.

Allah said:

And prepare against them whatever you are able of power...

And He also said:

Then take admonition, O you with eyes (to see).
(Quran 59:2)

And:

...so strike them over the necks, and smite over all their fingers and toes.
(Quran 8:12)

It is also essential to tie all this with sincerity to Allah, to rely on Him in both times of ease and hardship, to remember Him, to praise Him, and to trust that whoever seeks refuge in Him shall never be deprived.

The Prophet ﷺ said to Ibn ʿAbbās:

"O young man, be mindful of Allah, and He will protect you."

And:

"Be mindful of Allah, and He will be ever with you."

"If you ask, then ask Allah. If you seek help, then seek help from Allah. Know that if the entire nation were to gather to benefit you with something, they would not benefit you except with what Allah has already written for you; and if they were to gather to harm you with something, they would not harm you except with what Allah has already written against you. The pens have been lifted and the pages have dried."

Narrated by al-Tirmidhi (2516) from the narration of ʿAbdullāh ibn ʿAbbās.

Abū ʿĪsā said this hadith is ḥasan ṣaḥīḥ. It was transmitted through al-Ḥajjāj ibn Minḥāl al-Ṣanʿānī from Ibn ʿAbbās.

From the apparent signs of sincere striving is the connection with righteous and knowledgeable scholars, advisors, and reformers, standing by their directions, for they are more knowledgeable of the religion, more observant of reality and experience, more capable of distinguishing good from evil, and more aware of merchants and people of wealth.

Whoever Allah has blessed with wealth and affluence should fear Allah, give generously, and contribute to the cause of the Ummah spending their wealth to confront the enemies, the disbelievers, and the enemies of humanity. For this is the true way to break the ranks of the aggressors after reliance on Allah and the sincere believers.

Indeed, Allah commanded:

So keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him as much as you can; listen and obey, and spend in charity; that is better for yourselves.
(Quran 64:16)

And He said:

The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing.

Muslim narrated via al-Aʿmash, from Abū ʿAmr al-Shaybānī, from Abū Masʿūd al-Anṣārī:

A man came with a bridled she-camel and said: "This is for the sake of Allah."

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"You will have for it on the Day of Resurrection seven hundred camels, all bridled."

And regarding striving against the polytheists with one's self and wealth:

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Strive against the polytheists with your wealth, yourselves, and your tongues."

Reported by Aḥmad in his *Musnad* (12246), Abū Dāwūd (2504), and al-Nasāʾī (3098), from Ḥammād ibn Salamah from Ḥumayd, from Anas.

Those who hold back from giving zakāt and charity during the hardship of the Mujāhidīn, while heads are falling and skulls are being shattered; those who isolate themselves and offer excuses have committed a great sin and a clear betrayal.

This weakens the ranks of the Mujāhidīn and strengthens the advance of the Crusaders. Unity among Muslims is essential, especially in these times. Cooperation among them, despite differences in inclinations and tendencies, is a duty and the only way to correct the current situation and to distribute responsibilities in facing challenges.

So:

- ➔ Merchants are to contribute with their wealth and pens,
- ➔ Scholars with their knowledge,
- ➔ Mosque leaders by guiding through their pulpits until the flags are raised,
- ➔ Youth with their blood,
- ➔ Women with their wealth and prayers,
- ➔ Mothers by encouraging their sons and urging them,
- ➔ And opinion leaders and decision-makers with their full efforts.

Allah does not burden a soul beyond its capacity.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

> "Whoever equips a warrior in the cause of Allah has participated in battle, and whoever stays behind and supports a warrior in the cause of Allah with good, he too has participated."
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> *Agreed upon* (Muttafaqun ʿalayh), narrated by Ḥusayn al-Muʿallim, from Yaḥyā ibn Abī Kathīr, from Abū Salamah, from Busr ibn Saʿīd, from Zayd ibn Khālid al-Juhanī, may Allah be pleased with him.

As for those who side with the Crusaders using their wealth, emotions, and lives and support the global forces of disbelief against the Muslim peoples in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kurdistan, and elsewhere; these are hypocrites who prefer the worldly life over the Hereafter.

These individuals:

- ➔ Have fixed positions and salaries in undeserving places,
- ➔ Use coercion to manipulate people,
- ➔ Exploit Islam for personal gain,
- ➔ And do not look out for the real interests of Muslims.

None of the scholars of Islamic law have permitted the shedding of Muslim blood to protect oneself. Your lives and blood are not more sacred than the lives and blood of your Muslim brothers.

And those who excuse their support for the Crusaders by claiming obedience to rulers:

> They are not seeking Allah's guidance or truth; rather, they are just covering up falsehood.

The Islamic Ummah, with all its sects and schools, has unanimously agreed that:

> Obedience to creation is not allowed in disobedience to the Creator.

We are now in many situations where it's clear that this war is a Crusade, aiming to:

- Eradicate Islam and its people,
- Suppress religion,
- And dominate the Muslim world.

They say, *"*We will not stop until we westernize the Muslims. Even the sanctity of Mecca will not remain, and Sunday Mass will be held in Madinah*."*

Those who cooperate with them under any cover are traitorous hypocrites who defend the values and civilization of the West and march in the ranks of those who wish to erase the Islamic identity.

Allah Almighty said:

> *O' you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliyâ' (friends, protectors, helpers), they are but Auliyâ' of each other. And if any amongst you takes them (as Auliyâ'), then surely he is one of them. Verily, Allâh guides not those people who are the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers and unjust).*
>
> (Surah al-Ma'idah 5:51)

He also said:

> *And you see those in whose hearts there is a disease (of hypocrisy), they hurry to their friendship, saying: "We fear lest some misfortune of a disaster may befall us." Perhaps Allâh may bring a victory or a decision according to His Will. Then they will become regretful for what they have been keeping as a secret in themselves.*
>
> (Surah al-Ma'idah 5:52)

And:

> *"Give to the hypocrites the tidings that there is for them a painful torment. Those who take disbelievers for Auliyâ' (protectors or helpers or friends) instead of believers, do they seek honour, power and glory with them? Verily, then to Allâh belongs all honour, power and glory.."*
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> (Surah an-Nisa 4:138–139)

And:

> *"You see many of them taking the disbelievers as their Auliyâ' (protectors and helpers). Evil indeed is that which their ownselves have sent forward before them; for that (reason) Allâh's Wrath fell upon them, and in torment they will abide.."*
> (Surah al-Ma'idah 5:80)

And Peace and Blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon his family and companions...